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**Application No. : 2,481,138**  
**Owner : AT&T CORP.**  
**Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FUNCTIONAL  
ARCHITECTURE OF VOICE-OVER-IP SIP NETWORK BORDER  
ELEMENT**  
**Classification : H04L 12/24 (2006.01)**  
**Your File No. : 58283**  
**Examiner : Hassan Bayaa**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REQUISITION BY THE EXAMINER IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 30(2) OF THE *PATENT RULES*. IN ORDER TO AVOID ABANDONMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 73(1)(A) OF THE *PATENT ACT*, A WRITTEN REPLY MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN **6** MONTHS AFTER THE ABOVE DATE.

This application has been examined taking into account applicant's correspondence received in this office on August 25, 2006 and March 19, 2007.

The number of claims in this application is 44.

The examiner has identified the following defects in the application:

A search of the prior art has revealed the following:

Reference Applied:

D1: EP 1351478 (KLEINER, Patrick) 08 October 2003

D1 discloses a controller for voice connection in a packet-switched network between devices associated with different domains, the controller has an arrangement for controlling a media transmission unit using information from signalling data.

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**Obviousness**

Claims 1, 19, 25 and 31 do not comply with section 28.3 of the *Patent Act*. The subject matter of these claims would have been obvious on the claim date to a person skilled in the art or science to which they pertain having regard to D1.

D1 discloses (figures 3-5) a scalable system for providing real time communication services, the scalable system comprising: at least one call control element (CCE) (figure 4, GK) providing call control functions; at least one scalable border element (BE) (figure 4, GW) providing scalable system interface functions and in communication with said CCE, a first user device (figure 4, MS) for initiating a call and in communication with said scalable BE; and a second user device (figure 4, MS) acting as a call destination device and in communication with said scalable BE. Furthermore, D1 discloses a border element signalling entity providing signalling functions to at least one connected BE media entity providing media functions and a connected call control element, the BE signalling entity comprising a communications interface to said BE media entity and a communication interface to said CCE (figures 2 and 3). The system described in claims 1, 19, 25 and 31 of the present application appears to be similar and fails to define any patentable subject matter in view of D1.

In view of the foregoing defects, the applicant is requisitioned, under subsection 30(2) of the *Patent Rules*, to amend the application in order to comply with the *Patent Act* and the *Patent Rules* or to provide arguments as to why the application does comply.

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